

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on July 11, 2001

Attendees: Chairman Germani, Commissioner Kate Racine, Commissioner Gaynor, Steve Frias, Cindy Wilson, Thomas Massaro, Douglas Hartley and Luly Massaro.

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 10:00 AM in the first floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Minutes of Open Meetings held on May 15, May 24, June 12, & June 27, 2001: After review, Commissioner Racine moved to approve the Minutes of Open Meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs):

2878 - Choice One Communications, Inc.

3036 - CTC Communications Corp.

2791 - Net2000 Communications, Inc.

3055 - ARBROS Communications Licensing Co.

The above CLECs filed revisions to its existing tariffs. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

Competitive Switchless Resellers (CSRs):

2262(X15) - Telefyne Inc.

2262(Y15) - Optical Telephone Corp.

The above CSRs registered to operate in RI. The Division has reviewed the registrations and recommends approval. . After review, Commissioner Racine moved to approve the registrations. The motion was seconded by Chairman Germani and unanimously passed.

Vote 3-0.

2262(O10) - Z-Tel Communications, Inc.

2262(V8) - Americatel Corp.

The above CSRs filed revisions to its existing tariffs. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

2262(L8) - Latin American Enterprises, Inc.

3232 - Sigma Network Telecommunications, Inc.

The above telecommunications carriers ceased operations in RI and requested that its authorization be cancelled and rescinded. After review, Commissioner Racine moved to cancel and rescind the authorization to operate of the above CSRs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3341 – Valley Gas & Bristol and Warren Gas Co.: The Company proposed a new tariff for Very Large Transportation Service customers, designated as Rate Schedule VLT for effect July 12, 2001. The proposed service is designed to provide a transportation service alternative that complements the Company's existing Contracted Highload Factor sales service for large-volume high load industrial customers. The Division has reviewed the filing, finds the proposed tariff reasonable and does not oppose implementation.

Commissioner Racine noted that the proposal reflects a commitment by the Company as part of the settlement associated with the merger to implement a rate that closely reflects Providence Gas transportation service rates. At this time, there was no effort made to perform a cost-of-service study to justify the levels of specific charges to the rate schedule. However, it will be subject to scrutiny in the upcoming rate consolidation process. Commissioner Racine moved to approve the filing as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3347 – Providence Gas Co.: The Company proposed tariff revision and Deferred Cost of Gas Cost Calculation Guideline establishing a sales service to customer's responsibility for a portion of the Deferred Gas Cost Balance at the time the customer migrates to transportation service for effect July 21, 2001. Out of abundance caution, due to vacation schedules, and demands on the Commission and Division, Commissioner Racine moved to suspend the tariff filing until such time a the Division completes its review of the filing. The motion was seconded by Chairman Germani and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

There being no further business to discuss, the open meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM.